

# TX-07 GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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This monthly newsletter provides a guide to funding opportunities to help ensure our community has the information needed to apply for grants and connect with federal programs to address key priorities in Texas' Seventh Congressional District. Please note that President Trump's recent executive orders have directed federal agencies to pause all grants from *IIJA* as well as within other grant programs. This pause creates uncertainty about the timing and availability of funding for infrastructure projects, potentially impacting project planning and implementation timelines.

We want to share what we are seeing, and we also want to hear from you about the experiences you have had with grant funding and grant applications. Your insights into federal grant funding are important to us. Please take a moment to [share](#) your priorities, concerns, and how this pause on federal grants impacts you.

## New Resources

- The Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime has a funding webinars page that you can explore [here](#).
- The Health Resources and Services Administration is hosting its last Healthy Grants Workshop Webinar on August 13, which you can register for [here](#). You can learn more about the Healthy Grants Workshop series and view past recordings [here](#).
- The Small Business Administration Houston District Office is hosting a Disaster Prep & SBA Recovery Resources webinar on August 5, which you can register for [here](#).
- The Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shared the launch of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) video series for FEMA-funded infrastructure projects, which you can access [here](#).

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## Active Grant Opportunities

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### The Inflation Reduction Act

- **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)**
  - Description: This program protects the agricultural viability and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses which negatively affect agricultural uses and conservation values, protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible grazing land, and protecting and restoring and enhancing wetlands on eligible land. There are two components of this program. First, Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) help private and tribal landowners, land trusts, and other entities such as state and local governments protect croplands and grasslands on working farms and ranches by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land through conservation easements. Second, Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) help private and tribal landowners protect, restore, and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses.
  - Who can apply?
    - Eligible partners include Native American Tribes; State and local governments; non-governmental organizations that have farmland, rangeland, or grassland protection programs. Eligible landowners include owners of privately held land, including land that is held by Tribes and Tribal members. All landowners, including required members of landowner-legal entities, must meet adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations and must be compliant with the HEL/WC provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.
  - Deadline: Year-round

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## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- **Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Program**
  - Description: This grant program aims to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition and keep bridges in fair condition from deteriorating further. The program expands applicant eligibility which allows all levels of government to apply as direct recipients making it easier for local projects to advance the needs of the community.
  - Who can apply?
    - States and federal land management agencies; metropolitan planning organizations; local governments; and Tribal governments.
  - Deadlines:
    - Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Application Due, October 1, 2025
    - Fiscal Year 2026 Application Due, November 1, 2025
- **NEW Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects**
  - Description: This grant supports the development of small surface and groundwater storage projects that enhance water supply reliability, improve water management flexibility, and reduce environmental impacts. It aims to fund projects that provide long-term benefits such as improved water quality, ecosystem restoration, and groundwater management. Priority is given to projects with multiple benefits and broad stakeholder involvement.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: April 17, 2026

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## Other Federal Grants for Diverse Needs

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- **NEW** [Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations \(WANTO\) Technical Assistance Grant Program](#)
  - Description: This program aims to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions to increase women's participation in apprenticeable and non-traditional occupations (A/NTO). It supports the development of training programs, resources, and support services that prepare and retain women in industries such as manufacturing, construction, technology, and transportation.
  - Who can apply?
    - Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
  - Deadline: August 8, 2025
- **NEW** [Services for Victims of Crime](#)
  - Description: This grant supports organizations that provide direct services such as emergency assistance, transportation, childcare, shelter and housing, medical care, and legal or employment services to youth, older adults, and other underserved crime victims. Funding is intended to expand access to trauma-informed support for those impacted by abuse, exploitation, fraud, or other forms of victimization.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; and Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
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- **NEW** [Services for Victims of Technology-Facilitated Abuse](#)
  - Description: This grant supports victim services that address technology facilitated abuse (TFA). This grant supports the development of coordinated protocols and services to assist victims of technology-facilitated abuse, including response planning, victim support, and guidance on legal rights.
  - Who can apply?
    - State county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/Native American housing authorities; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: August 15, 2025
- **NEW** [Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner \(SANE\) Program Development and Operation Guide](#)
  - Description: This program provides a structured approach for setting up a forensic nursing program dedicated to providing care to survivors of sexual assault. Significant advances in forensic nursing practice, as well as changes in national standards and evolving protocols, necessitate an update of the Operation Guide to ensure it remains an effective and relevant tool for SANE programs across the country.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city or township governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized)
  - Deadline: August 15, 2025
- **NEW** [Technology to Support Services for Victims of Crime](#)
  - Description: This program aims to support the use of technology to improve the overall effectiveness, accessibility, and coordination of victim services by strengthening infrastructure, building organizational capacity, and enhancing service delivery systems.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township or special district governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Public and Native American housing authorities; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; and Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
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- **National Outreach and Communications Program**
  - Description: This grant from the Department of the Interior supports outreach efforts that promote fishing and boating participation, conservation, and safe use of aquatic resources. Projects will engage the public through evidence-based strategies, enhance access and awareness, and align with the goals of the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act. Activities are expected to increase participation and contribute to the long-term sustainability of recreational fishing and boating
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; Public housing authorities/ Native American housing authorities; Small businesses and individuals.
  - Deadline: August 17, 2025
- **NEW Advancing Strategies to Support Older Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions in the Senior Nutrition Program Setting**
  - Description: This funding opportunity supports projects that improve how senior nutrition programs serve older adults with behavioral health conditions with three goals: First, identifying barriers and opportunities in congregate meal settings, second, developing and implementing person-centered, trauma-informed best practices, and third, creating and sharing resources based on proven and existing strategies.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/ Native American housing authorities; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: August 20, 2025
- **Fire Science Innovations through Research and Education (FIRE)**
  - Description: The FIRE program supports multidisciplinary research and education focused on wildland fire. Proposals should address innovative approaches in areas like data collection, modeling, community adaptation, and infrastructure vulnerability related to wildland fire. Collaboration among diverse groups, including academics, industry, and local communities, is encouraged to advance research.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted.
  - Deadline: September 5, 2025



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- **NEW** [Public Humanities Projects](#)

- Description: This program supports projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life through in-person exhibitions and historic site interpretations. Projects must focus on one of the following areas: American Military History and Valor, The American Dream and Economic Freedom, American Exceptionalism in World Affairs, or the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- Who can apply?
  - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
- Deadline: September 10, 2025

- **NEW** [National Science Foundation Translation to Practice](#)

- Description: This grant supports research-based innovations with the potential to benefit the economy and society through various pathways, including commercialization, nonprofit development, open-source tools, and public-private partnerships. It aims to speed up technology development, support regional innovation, and prepare the future STEM workforce by turning scientific discoveries into real-world solutions that improve quality of life, boost national security, create high-paying jobs, and keep the U.S. competitive in key industries.
- Who can apply:
  - Private institutions of higher education and nonprofit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies, and similar organizations that are directly associated with educational or research activities.
- Deadline: September 16, 2025

- **NEW** [Regional Fire Science Exchange Announcement](#)

- Description: This grant funds the leadership and operation of one of six regional fire science exchanges within the Fire Science Exchange Network (FSEN) for a two-year period. The selected exchange will connect scientists, land managers, and other stakeholders to share and apply the latest wildland fire science in their region. Proposals must address specific criteria, including regional relevance, partnerships, and planned activities, and adhere to annual funding caps set by each region.
- Who can apply?
  - County, city or township governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/ Native American housing authorities; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
- Deadline: September 18, 2025

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- **NEW** [Innovative Solutions for Improving Water Quality and Strengthening Local Economies in the Gulf of Mexico Watershed](#)
  - Description: This grant supports projects that aim to protect and restore the health of the Gulf of Mexico by improving water quality and natural habitats. Funding is available for efforts that reduce nutrient pollution and address harmful algal blooms using innovative and cost-effective approaches. The goal is to strengthen the region's environmental resilience while supporting local communities.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
  - Deadline: September 19, 2025
- **NEW** [Brownfields Job Training](#)
  - Description: This grant supports programs that train and place local, unemployed, and underemployed residents in environmental jobs related to cleaning up and redeveloping brownfield sites. The goal is to provide community members with the skills needed for long-term careers in areas like site assessment, cleanup, and environmental restoration.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public housing authorities; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government; Redevelopment Agency; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: September 26, 2025
- [The Coastal Program](#)
  - Description: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program is a community-based program that helps coastal areas with technical and financial support to address complex conservation challenges of priority coastal ecosystems. The program protects at-risk species by improving habitats, enhancing connectivity for wildlife migration, and building resilient ecosystems through collaborative conservation efforts.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/ Native American housing authorities; Small businesses; Individuals; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: September 30, 2025



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- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW)**
  - Description: This is a voluntary program that fosters partnerships to support both communities and the conservation of fish, wildlife, and their habitats. Through cooperative agreements with private landowners, the program offers technical assistance and financial support to restore and protect vital habitats, benefiting federal trust resources.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; independent school districts; private, public and state controlled institutions of higher education; public housing authorities/Native American housing authorities; small businesses; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized); and individuals.
  - Deadline: September 30, 2025
- **NEW Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence**
  - Description: The purpose of this program is to support the establishment of new collaborative humanities research centers focused on gaining a clearer understanding of AI and its implications for the United States. A center is a sustained collaboration among multiple scholars focused on exploring the humanities implications of AI through two or more related scholarly activities.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: October 1, 2025
- **NEW Disaster Supplemental Grant Program**
  - Description: This funding opportunity encourages broad-based local engagement and emphasizes projects that involve private industry in disaster recovery and economic renewal to ensure the maximum impact for taxpayer funding to support these communities. Applicants can choose from three funding pathways based on their recovery stage, capacity, and long-term development vision.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Institutions of higher education; Economic Development Districts and organizations; Public and private nonprofits working with local government; Public-private partnerships for public infrastructure.
  - Deadline:
    - Readiness and Implementation Grants: Rolling applications
    - Industry Transformation Grants: March 3, 2026

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- [The Research-on-Research Security Program](#)
  - Description: The program encourages interdisciplinary, evidence-based projects that foster collaboration among STEM researchers, research security experts, and practitioners, including potential international partners. Projects may explore topics such as threat identification, policy impact, human behavior, and systemic or cultural factors affecting research security.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted
  - Deadline: Rolling applications
- [Education and Broadening Participation in Earth Sciences](#)
  - Description: This grant supports a range of programs aimed at engaging diverse audiences in Earth Sciences through education, research, and professional development opportunities. It funds undergraduate and teacher research experiences, postdoctoral fellowships, and early-career faculty who integrate research with education, especially those focused on broadening participation in the geosciences.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted
  - Deadline: Rolling applications

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The following grants and funding opportunities are upcoming and are not yet accepting applications. As more details become available for each of these programs, our team will be sure to include them in upcoming issues of this newsletter. *Please note that these dates are target announcement dates, and therefore subject to change. Under the current administration, significant delays in grant award announcements and disbursements have been common. Applicants are advised to manage expectations accordingly.*

## Upcoming Notices and Funding Opportunities

- Advanced Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies to Drive National Decarbonization
  - This funding opportunity aims to advance development and demonstration of clean hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, particularly in hard-to-decarbonize sectors like heavy-duty transportation and industrial applications and to enable long duration energy storage for a clean electric grid. The Department of Energy anticipates posting their deadlines soon.
- Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratory
  - This program aims to promote innovative cross-disciplinary teams working to advance the development and implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) approaches through research projects for Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD related dementias. The National Institutes of Health anticipates posting this opportunity in August 2025.
- National Centers for Cryo-electron Tomography (cryoET)
  - This funding opportunity seeks to support service centers to provide nationwide access to advanced cryoET instrumentation and technical support, and to assist investigators in acquiring the skills needed to perform cryoET studies. The National Institutes of Health anticipates posting the funding opportunity in Fall 2025.
- **NEW** National Center on Head Start Early Learning, Health and Family Engagement
  - This funding opportunity looks to open and operate the Head Start National Center (NC) on Early Learning, Health, and Family Engagement (ELHFE). This center will strengthen Head Start program practices and services leading to improved education, health, and family engagement services while also providing professional development and training. The Department of Health and Human Services anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.
- **NEW** National Center on Head Start Program Management and Quality Assurance
  - This funding opportunity looks to open and operate the Head Start National Center (NC) on Program Management and Quality Assurance (PMQA) to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) that promotes best practices. The NC PMQA TTA will also lead to improved organizational leadership, governance, and administrative accountability. The Department of Health and Human Services anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.

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- National Digital Newspaper Program
  - This program creates a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963 from all 56 states and U.S. jurisdictions. The Library of Congress (LOC) maintains this freely accessible, searchable online database. The National Endowment for the Humanities anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall of 2025.
- National Training and Technical Assistance Partner (NTTAP)
  - This program provides training and technical assistance focused on behavioral health and delivers high-impact T/TA to help health centers deliver comprehensive health services, address emergent public health issues and needs as they relate to behavioral health care, improve operational effectiveness, efficiency, and quality, and reduce health disparities. HRSA anticipates posting this notice of funding opportunity in Spring 2025.
- Worker Training Program's Small Business Innovation Research E-Learning for HAZMAT and Emergency Response
  - This grant supports the development of technology-enhanced training products to improve the health and safety training of workers and supervisors involved in hazardous materials management and emergency response. The National Institutes of Health anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.
- **NEW** Veterans Legacy Grants Program
  - This program seeks to provide funding to educational institutions and other eligible entities to conduct cemetery research and produce educational tools for the public to utilize and learn about the histories of Veterans interred in VA national cemeteries and VA grant-funded State and Tribal Veterans' cemeteries. The Department of Veterans Affairs anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Spring 2026.

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## General Resources

- [Grants.gov](#): This is the most complete list of federal grant opportunities. It is searchable and updated frequently.
- [Department of Transportation Competitive Grant Funding Matrix](#): Look through program descriptions on the chart to identify programs for which you have relevant projects.
- [Department of Transportation Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Program Guide](#): Search by keyword to identify relevant programs that will open throughout the next five years.
- [Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Exchange](#): OCED has a number of funding opportunities for clean energy projects through the IRA and IIJA, and this page has a funding matrix with grant information.
- [Department of Labor Grants](#): DOL has a grant platform to connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Grants Manager, Grace Kuperman, at [Grace.Kuperman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Grace.Kuperman@mail.house.gov) or (713) 353-8680.

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